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In re Application of:

Dearnaley et al.

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For: Life Extension of Chromium
Coatings and Chromium Alloys

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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This paper is filed in response to the office action dated April 23, 2003.

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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1, 90, 125, 141, 211, and 218.

Please add new claims 239-243.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Canceled)
 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is fluorine.
 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is sulfur.
 4. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is chlorine.
 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.3 or less.
 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.2 or less.